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Customer Number 22,852  
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In re Application of: )  
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Toshiaki MIIDA et al. )  
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Serial No.: 10/078,673 ) Group Art Unit: 3714  
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Filed: February 21, 2002 ) Examiner: Corbett B. Coburn  
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For: IMAGE DISPLAY CONTROL ) Confirmation No.: 4804  
METHOD, APPARATUS THEREOF, )  
RECORDING MEDIA ON WHICH )  
THE IMAGE DISPLAY CONTROL )  
METHOD IS RECORDED, AND )  
GAME DEVICE )  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**LETTER REQUESTING ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97**

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed in this application on August 23, 2002. In reviewing our files, we find that we have not received from your Office a copy of the Form PTO-1449 which would serve as acknowledgment of receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement and as an indication that the references were considered by the examiner.

A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement, the Information Disclosure Citation on Form PTO-1449, and of the post card that was filed with the Information Disclosure Statement and was stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to indicate receipt of the papers, is attached.

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The examiner is respectfully requested to send us a duplicate of the copy of the  
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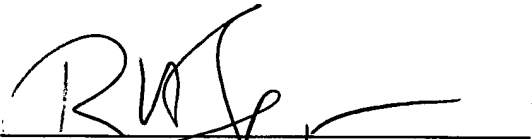
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1. Information Disclosure Statement
  2. Form PTO 1449
  3. Japan Laid-Open 07-112072 and English-language Abstract

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

An English abstract and translation of laid-open Japanese publication 07-112072 are enclosed.

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Japan patent publication 2998096 enclosed herewith corresponds to laid-open publication 7-112072 so that the enclosed English abstract and translation also correspond thereto.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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| 2998096         | 11-05-1999       | Japan   |       |           | Yes                   |
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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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